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My dear Father

I have just finished a long diary letter so will only add a few lines to say that as far as I can see the "Boy Tractor" seems a very likely substitute for horses. McEwen (as a farmer) thinks well of it and Spencer also as an expert gas engine man.

I would suggest your getting the opinion of some of your farmer friends as to its practicality for western Ontario from a farmer's point of view.

Col McEwen's opinion would be worth having, and you can doubtless think of others. I notice some of the recommendations are from Saskatchewan. Would it be a good idea to write to some of them and get their opinion about the machine. Personally (or have G. I see them when convenient)

II

I like it very much, because
first. Our premises are well suited
and equipped to make it
second It uses the cheapest of all
fuels - crude oil

third Lack of horses and their
expensive keep and high price
of gasoline, will make it
an economical proposition for
the farmer in the future. It
should come in, to stay.

How would it be if we can make
satisfactory terms with them
(exclusive Canadian right to
mfg and sell) to buy one and
let some reliable farmer give
it real test early next spring
near London. Perhaps some
farmer might buy one on
shares with use.

I am enclosing Woads remarks
on it in which I fully concur

III

I have already acknowledged two of
your interesting personal letters
and have your diary letter of
Aug 14 now before me. I take
it that the bank % reduction
to zero came a little sooner than
you expected. I once again want
to congratulate you most heartily
and wish to include Messrs
Morgan & Holmes also. I am
sure it is the greatest satisfaction
to you to have that load off
your shoulders and load on my self
feel equally relieved. Even if
half the reduction is due to a
corresponding reduction in our
rough & finished stock it is
still very gratifying. I notice
Mr Holmes promises a tentative
statement a few days after you
write and I will peruse it
with the greatest interest when

IV

if comes to hand. I notice by the
stock sheets you sent me that
plates tubes & heads are lower than
remember in the last 10 years.

Am sorry about MIT idy but
would advise handling such
matters with white kid gloves
as everything depends on the good
will of the inspector in this
game, or nearly everything.

Would not advise taking on any
ware S. H. bidders if your stock
is large. The new laws make
them hard to sell and they will be
harder after the war.

I am enclosing my proper
address and would suggest a
little stronger envelope as they
often come very much prayed.
With very best wishes for another
good year and your continued
well being
your devoted son
Jff